

**IDAHO STATE BAR APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

FEBRUARY 13, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

Location: Stoel Rives, 101 S. Capitol Blvd., Suite 1900, Boise, ID 87302

Attending: Kim Coster (Chairperson, presiding officer), Ben McGreevy (Secretary/Treasurer), Brian Dickson (Past Chairperson), Stephen Adams, Sara Berry, Jaycee Nall (At-Large Council Members), Christopher Pooser

1. Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020, Governing Council meeting, **passed.**

2. Budget—Annual Budget

Ben presented the proposed budget for 2020, which he characterized as a conservative budget. The proposed budget did not have any money allocated for scholarships or donations.

Brian observed that the Section would have about \$6000 to \$7000 on hand, once membership dues came in. Jaycee noted that the Section had averaged about \$1500 in donations per year.

Brian recommended allocating \$1000 each to scholarships and donations. Kim informed the Council that Concordia's moot court team had requested an additional donation for travel expenses to the competition in Oklahoma City. Sara recommended a smaller donation of \$500, as the Section had already paid for the moot court team's registration fee.

Brian contemplated bringing up the ISB administrative fee at the next Chair meeting. Kim stated that the ISB had problems with updating its website. Ben reported that there was a jump in Governing Board expenses between October and December of 2019.

Christopher noted the Section dues would offset the ISB expenses. Royalties and publications revenue would be extra. He suggested allocating \$2000 total for donations and scholarships.

Stephen thought it might be a good idea to reduce spending. Christopher agreed that it would be better to have a bit of a cushion.

Christopher recommended allocating \$250 each to scholarships and donations, and bumping up the dues estimate. Stephen recommended assuming \$2715 in membership dues.

Kim would see where the Governing Board fee money went. Christopher explained that part of that fee went towards CLE support.

Christopher also recommended increasing the revenue figures for royalties and publication in the budget. He recommended increasing publications revenue to \$1300, and royalties revenue to \$1500.

Ben stated that, with allocations of \$250 each to scholarships and donations, the budget with the recommended modifications would have a positive balance.

The budget, amended to include the recommended modifications (dues revenue increased to \$2715; \$250 allocated to scholarship expenses; \$250 allocated to donations expenses; publications revenue increased to \$1300; and royalties revenue increased to \$1500), **passed**.

3. Events

a. *The Handbook*

Christopher asked the Council to review chapters from *The Handbook*. He wanted Council members to check the chapters for typos, valid hyperlinks, etc. Four of the chapters were long, while the others were about ten pages each. Christopher took volunteers from the long chapters, and assigned the rest of the chapters to other Council members.

As for the advertisement in *The Advocate*, Kim stated that it was the same price for a color ad, and she added language tying the Section to the ISB. The ad would run for six months.

b. *The Advocate* Sponsorship—September 2020 Issue

Kim explained that the Bar wanted a liaison with each Section for their respective issues. She would find out who would be the contact at the ISB. Stephen wanted to be involved in the Advisory Committee. Brian told the Council that Jonathan was also interested, and Brian would back him up.

The deadline for articles was 7/8/20. Several good article ideas had been submitted to the Section. Christopher suggested that the Section could recommend that one author submit their article to the Bar separately. As for a separate suggested article, the Section could tell the author that the subject had already been addressed.

Stephen asked about publishing a section from *The Handbook* in the sponsored issue, which had been done before. Christopher stated that worked, at least a little. Sara observed that *The Advocate* would send the authorities guidelines for articles. Jonathan, as the liaison, would contact the Bar for the guidelines, and the Bar would send them to the authors.

Brian suggested establishing an internal deadline for May. Stephen stated the internal deadline would mostly work to make sure people were done with their articles.

Christopher discussed whether it would be helpful to have a section from *The Handbook* on effective briefs featured. The Council also talked about whether it would be better to have the Bar or the Section pick articles. Christopher would look at *The Handbook* and prepare an excerpt. Stephen suggested tying the excerpt to the themes of the articles.

c. CLE Speaker for 2020 Bar Conference—July 22-24 (Fort Hall)

Kim explained that the Bar would pay, and the Bar had not received any proposals. The Bar was looking for a full program. Brian suggested asking the article authors about speaking at the conference. However, Kim noted that the Bar wanted a proposal by February 21, 2020.

d. Ninth Circuit Roadshow

The roadshow would not be coming to Boise.

5. Proposed By-Laws Amendments

Christopher recommended further changes to the proposed amendments.

The motion for further changes to the proposed amendments, based on Christopher's suggestions, **passed**.

6. April Member Meeting—CLE Speaker

Chief Justice Burdick was set to speak at the April meeting, and was looking for topic questions.

7. Adjournment

After Sara left the meeting, the Council no longer had a quorum, and the remaining action items were tabled. The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.